## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST

Safe Neighborhoods Act — Yes on Prop. 6

PROPOSITION

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Government's first priority is the safety of its citizens. Yet our state budget does not do enough to keep our neighborhoods safe from gangs, drug dealers, and violent criminals.

The Legislature consistently shortchanges local law enforcement's fight to rid neighborhoods of violent gangs. California's public safety spending is nearly 14% less than it was in 2003, in today's dollars.

YES on 6-RETURNS TAXPAYERS' MONEY TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Proposition 6 asks voters to prioritize 1% of California's General Fund Budget for local law enforcement without raising taxes.

"The Safe Neighborhoods Act is a sound public safety investment. It measures results in gang and crime prevention with a refreshing level of accountability seldom seen in government."

Lew Uhler, President, The National Tax Limitation Committee

YES on 6—SAFER SCHOOLS FOR OUR CHILDREN

Proposition 6 keeps our children safe, while education will continue to receive full funding.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL reported in 2007, that "the constant presence of ... gangs make it difficult for students to travel to and from school safely. Gangs threaten, intimidate and recruit; they shoot, rob and assault students near school entrances... at bus stops."

"Proposition 6 helps keep gangs, drugs and violence out of our schools—ensuring a safe learning environment for our children."

Jamie Goodreau, Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year, 2003

BROAD SUPPORT FOR THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS ACT

Every California sheriff, California Police Chiefs Association, California District Attorneys Association, Chief Probation Officers of California and Hispanic American Police Command Officers support Proposition 6.

VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 6

Rod Pacheco, District Attorney, Riverside County Laurie Smith, Sheriff, Santa Clara County Ron Cottingham, President, Peace Officers Research Association of California